

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Western District of Virginia
116 North Main Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia**

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October 23, 2017

All Counsel of Record

Re: Freedom Watch, Inc. v. Response Unlimited, Inc., et al
Civil Action No. 5:17cv00104

Dear Counsel:

This case has been assigned to District Judge Elizabeth K. Dillon and, following a Rule 16 scheduling conference, will be given a trial date in approximately nine months, unless an earlier date is requested by the parties.

Please confer among yourselves regarding available dates and, within a week from the date of this letter, one attorney should contact Judge Dillon's judicial assistant, Miriam Frazier, at (540) 857-5120 or MiriamF@vawd.uscourts.gov to set a Rule 16 scheduling conference. If no response is received, we will assume that any date chosen will be acceptable.

Following the Rule 16 conference, a scheduling order, similar to the example posted online at <http://www.vawd.uscourts.gov/judges/judge-dillon.aspx>, will be entered establishing pretrial deadlines and making other provisions for the development of this case. The standard deadline for completion of discovery will be 95 days prior to trial, the deadline to file dispositive motions will be 80 days prior to trial, and the deadline for hearing dispositive motions will be 45 days prior to trial.

Any hearings on non-dispositive motions, including motions concerning discovery, will be scheduled and heard by Magistrate Judge Joel C. Hoppe. Discovery motions, however, may not be filed before conferring with Judge Hoppe. Please contact his chambers at (540) 434-3181 x 2, and speak with his scheduling clerk, Karen Dotson, for these hearing or conference dates. Hearings on dispositive motions, such as motions to dismiss or for summary judgment, will be scheduled by Ms. Frazier. Please contact her at the above number or e-mail address.

Very truly yours,

s/ Karen Dotson
Deputy Clerk

cc: All Counsel of Record
Miriam Frazier
Law Clerk
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